

From: Ed. N.P.M.S.

14th February 1975.

Subject: STANDARDISATION: FBIS/BBC SOURCELINES: 7.2.75.

To: Chief Editor, FBIS London Bureau

Our meeting on 7.2.75 was attended by yourself,

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We agreed (i) that FBIS automation devices did not condition our purposes; (ii) that BBC transcripts would retain name of country uniformly (except in the case of Clandestine transmissions); (iii) that FBIS London would recommend inclusion of name of country in FBIS sourcelines to which it could usefully be added, and that a list of such sourcelines would be prepared; (iv) that BBC should substitute "domestic" for "home"; (v) that BBC should substitute "to" for "for" in description of destination and (vi) that "external" should be substituted for all phrases now used by BBC and FBIS (e.g. "for abroad", "general", "international" etc.) to indicate transmissions not intended for the domestic audience or specifically targeted.

We noted for further discussion a conflict of principle arising from the BBC view that sourcelines should call a station by the name it called itself and the FBIS view that sourcelines should name a station by indicating the location of its studio. FBIS undertook to establish upon what grounds it was their practice to accept the authenticity of an identification of studio location.

Also for further discussion were (i) the BBC's request that FBIS sourcelines should use "domestic and external" when a transmission could be accurately, and certainly, so described upon grounds of (a) announced intention, (b) transmission content, or (c) technical evidence; and (ii) uniform use or omission of "External" and indication of language of broadcast.

Subjects for future discussion were sourcelines designating radio telegraphy transmissions; clandestine radios; provincial and regional services.

It was agreed that you and I would each and in turn draft records of meetings for initialling by the other.

Next meeting 1530 hours Friday 14th February.

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